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maving removable sciew caps, and the vessels themselves.

Background

[0003] Currently, manual processes for working with chemicals in solution, isolation of components from solution, and the like involve time intensive operation of one (1) to 24 hours, including an overnight incubation period. Further, samples may need to be mixed, shaken, poured, agitated, and the like for certain time periods or a certain number of iterations.

[0004] In many lab processes, a sample of some material which contains components to be isolated, mixed, or the like is typically placed in a sample vessel, and processes comprising the steps to be performed on the sample are performed on the vessel and its contents. Materials may be removed from the vessel, added to the vessel, transferred to another vessel, and the like.

[0005] Typical lab procedures for working with samples include mixing and agitating the sample, adding material to the sample, removing material from the sample by pouring, and the like. These processes have traditionally been performed by hand. Such manual performance of tasks has been and continues to be labor intensive, requiring time consuming and repetitive tasks that occupy a technician, often to the exclusion of other tasks. The repetitive process steps of processes for

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